



Aparima College Newsletter

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Introducing our Head Students



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Nikita Diprose (Head Student), O'Shea Lonneker (Head Student),
Ruby Anderson (Prefect) and Tahlee Allen (Deputy)

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He kupu mai i te teepu tumuaki (a word from the Principal's desk)

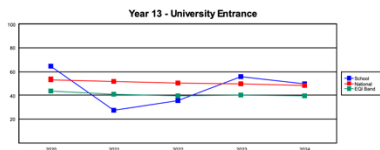
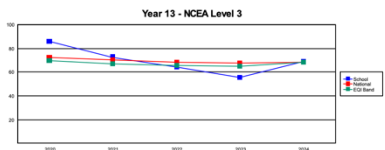
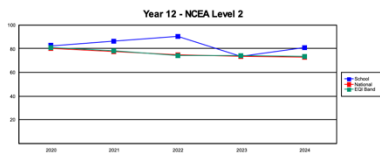
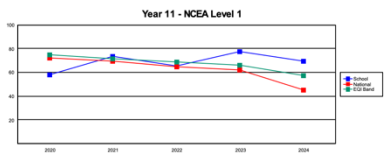
Kia ora e te whānau,

What a wonderful start to 2025 we have experienced. Students have enjoyed being back into a routine and are settling into their new classes. Monday morning was our formal pōwhiri and it was uplifting to see the majority of the school present. I would like to acknowledge our Head Boy O'Shea for stepping up to give the whai kōrero on behalf of the school and to Tahlee Allen for bringing the new students in with a karanga. Many thanks to Matua Teoiti and Whaea Rangimaria for supporting the students over the summer as they learned their mihi and karanga. Thanks also to Saxon for giving the karakia, it is awesome to see our head students stepping up.

Congratulations to all our students who achieved NCEA Level 1,2 and 3 in 2024. We are very proud of the achievements of Aparima College students and look forward to acknowledging their achievements in assembly .

Aparima College's 2024 senior students provisional NCEA results have exceeded national pass rates at all levels,

The results reflect the college's strong commitment to academic excellence and to support learners as they work towards a strong sense of self, place and pathway. In what was a challenging year with several educational changes, including NCEA Level 1 new standards, our teachers and students have shown their ability to be resilient and manage the challenges presented to them.



We saw an increase in Level 3 excellence endorsements from 11.1 in 2022 and 0 in 2023 to 18% in 2024.



Our focus for 2025 will continue to develop the vision of “We live our learning – Myself, My Place, My Pathway”.

Supporting our learners to develop a strong sense of identity and develop an understanding of the future pathways available to them.

A reminder that Attendance will be a major focus for 2025. The Government requires 80% of all students to attend regularly, that is to attend school more than 90% of the time. This means less than 5 days absence in a school term. Many students have already missed one day of school and it is only one week in! We understand that there will be illness and sometimes students can't avoid being away from school. It is important to communicate absences with the school. A prolonged illness will require medical certification. Short term illness will not require a medical certificate, unless there is a regular pattern of non-attendance. With the introduction of the Stepped Attendance Response, any absences of more than 5 days will be considered worrying and formal notification will be sent home.

Our school statistics tell us that students who do not attend regularly do not achieve as well as their regularly attending peers. Last year 47% of learners who did not achieve their co-requisites in Literacy and Numeracy attended school less than 80% of the time.

This term we will have School Swimming Sports and School Athletics. We welcome Sarah Anderson to the team. Sarah is our new sports coordinator and has already had notices going home about several school teams. We also welcome Victoria Howden to Aparima College. Victoria is our new hard Materials teacher.

Ngā mihi nui,

Aloma Williams
Principal



Introducing our Head Students

O'Shea Lonneker – Head Student

Kia Ora. My name is O'Shea, and I am one of your Head Students for 2025. As one of your Head Students this year, my goal is to set a positive environment where every student at Aparima College feels valued and heard. I want to encourage school spirit through House Competitions and ensure each student feels welcome. Leadership is about showing respect, working hard, and being a role model for other students. I'm excited to work with other students, staff, and the community to make 2025 a good year for all. I am looking forward to getting to know each student individually.

Ngā mihi nui
O'Shea



Nikita Diprose – Head Student

Kia Ora, my name is Nikita Diprose and I have the privilege of being one of the Head Students for 2025! My goal for this year is to encourage peer support to develop an environment for younger students to feel more comfortable and at ease in. Equally important is creating healthy competition between our houses. This year I will be involved in the Student Council, Board of Trustees and Peer Support which will allow me to interact with a variety of students, staff, and parents alike. After my time here at Aparima College I plan on studying Veterinary at Massey University or Zoology at Otago University. I am excited for my final year here at Aparima College and am ready to embrace the challenges and responsibilities that come with being Head Student.



Tahlee Allen - Deputy

Kia Ora, my name is Tahlee, I am Deputy Head Student for 2025! My vision for this year is to encourage students to compete in house competitions, try their hardest, and give their all.

I am excited to meet the new Year 7 students and learn new facts about them. I hope to encourage Te Reo Māori throughout the school more and convince new people to join the kapa haka ropu.

Nga mihi,
Tahlee



Saxon Heath-Tree - Deputy

Kia Ora Koutou, my name is Saxon Heath-Tree, and I am proud to be a Deputy Head Student of Aparima College for 2025. Given this opportunity, I am committed to being a role model, leader, and representative of our school community. My focus will be on strengthening student engagement, creating a supportive school environment, and ensuring that every student feels valued. I will work alongside the other head students to achieve this vision and make positive changes to the school. I will be involved in activities like Peer Support, organising school events, and representing the school in basketball and other sports. In 2026, I plan to go to Christchurch to study towards an engineering degree at the University of Canterbury

Ngā mihi nui,
Saxon



Ruby Anderson - Prefect

Kia ora,

My name is Ruby Anderson, and I have been selected as prefect for 2025!

My goals for my last year of school are to positively impact the students in Aparima College. I want to help connect younger students to older students and teachers, so that they are comfortable and can see us seniors as friends. I also want to help create a successful and memorable ball to celebrate our last year of school. By pushing myself out of my comfort zone I aim to improve my own skills, particularly my confidence, so that I can take on new challenges and lead by example.

Ngā mihi nui
Ruby

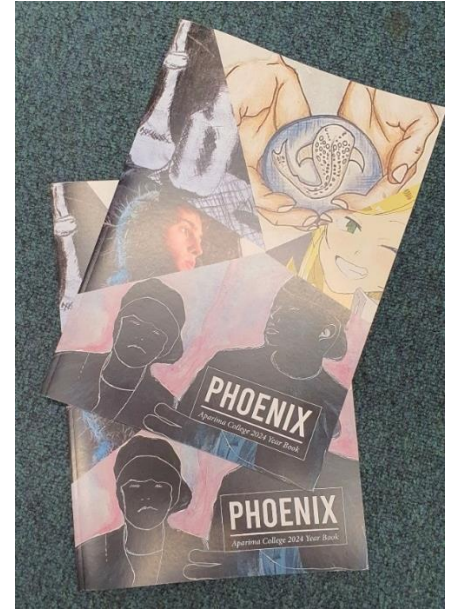


Yearbook

The 2024 Aparima College Year book is available to be purchased from the College office. Cost: \$20 - pay by cash or online to the Aparima College Bank account and put in the reference - Yearbook and students' name. (no eftpos)

School Account - Aparima College
ANZ Bank - 06 0954 0021451 00
Please include Student's Name and Yearbook

Limited number available



Marae Visit

Tūmeke Haka Wānanga for our Year 9s and 10s at Takutai
Marae learning [#weliveour](#) learning [#myself](#) [#myplace](#)



For Your Information

SCHOOL OFFICE: The office hours are 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. All general enquires, appointments with the Principal, Assistant and Deputy Principals', communication with staff or students must be made through the office. College Phone: 03 2348 900 Email: office@aparima.school.nz College Website: www.aparima.school.nz Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/aparimacollegenz/> Information will put onto our Website, Facebook and in our monthly newsletter.

Visitors

All visitors are required to sign in at the College office. Parents are not to go straight to the classrooms they must come to the College office.

Messages to Students

If you wish to leave a message for your child, this must be phoned through to the College office by 11:30 am. We cannot promise that messages will get to your child if left after 12 noon.

Attendance

Students should ensure they are at school and in their Form Class by 8:40am and leave by 3:00 pm unless otherwise indicated. If your son or daughter is absent, please contact us by 9:00 am on the day of the absence, with your child's name, reason for the absence and the name of the person phoning/texting in. Texts will be sent to parents/caregivers for unexplained absences. Students arriving late MUST sign in at the office when they arrive. There are personnel in the office from 8:00 am onwards, or a message may be left on the answer phone.

Leaving the College Grounds

All students who leave the college during the day MUST have permission from the school as well as their parents/caregivers contacting the college office to advise a reason for leaving. The students MUST sign out through the office. Late students and those returning to the college MUST sign in at the office. Exeat passes are available to town students who wish to go HOME ONLY FOR LUNCH on a regular basis. Reminder to Senior students – if you wish to drive a vehicle to school you must collect a permission form from the office and get this signed by a parent/caregiver and return to the office. Note that you need to bring your driver's licence to the office to be copied. (A new form needs to be filled in every year so although you did this last year you need to do it again this year).



Please LIKE and follow our Aparima College Facebook page, this is where you will know what is happening here at the College!

Save the Date:

Aparima College Athletics Day

Aparima College Athletics Day will be held on Monday 24th February starting 9am. Postponement day will be Tuesday 25th February which will be communicated on the school's Facebook page, if postponed.

House colours are - Oraka is Yellow, Wallace is Blue, Longwood is Green/Purple and Nga Pohatu is red. Students are to come dressed in their house colours but no body paint.

Students need to bring a drink bottle and food for the day, wear suitable footwear and if it's colder, bring warm clothing. Sunscreen will be available and school lunches will be provided as normal to those who have opted into this. We welcome all parents and the community to come and support the students, with further details and timetable to follow. If you are available to provide parent help on the day for a few hours, please email sanderson@aparima.school.nz with your availability.

Athletics Day Helpers Required

We are still in need of parent/caregiver helpers to come along and help with Athletics Day on Monday 24th February. If you are available to help on the day for a few hours, please email sanderson@aparima.school.nz (Sports Co-ordinator) with your availability.

Thanks

Bell Times - please note Friday has different times due to Kia Tu in the afternoon

BELL TIMES 2024 MONDAY TO THURSDAY	
8:40 – 8:50	Form Time
8:50 – 9:50	Period 1
9:50 – 10:50	Period 2
10:50 – 11:10	INTERVAL
11:10 – 12:10	Period 3
12:10 – 1:10	Period 4
1:10 – 2:00	LUNCH
2:00 – 3:00	Period 5

BELL TIMES 2024 FRIDAY	
No Form time – Go Straight to Period 1	
8:40 – 9:30	Period 1
9:30 – 10:20	Period 2
10:20 – 10:40	INTERVAL
10:40 – 11:30	Period 3
11:30 – 12:20	Period 4
12:20 – 1:00	LUNCH
1:00 – 3:00	KIA TU

House Captains 2025

Aparima College Athletics day is coming up on Monday 24 February please come dressed up in your house colours, Oraka House is yellow, Nga pohatu House is red, Wallace House is blue and Longwood House is purple and green.

Oraka House Captains

Tahlee Allen

Lachlan Lewthwaite

Alex Horrell

Hana Allen

Wallace House Captains

Taria Woodward

Baxter Wills

Connor Eade

Kyla Tohiariki

Longwood House Captains

Lachie Bevin

Heidi Robinson

Cooper Menpes

Sophia Ward-Delgado

Ngapohatu House Captains

Nikita Diprose

Ryan Diprose

Agon McGregor

Levi Diprose

UP AND COMING EVENTS

19 February 2025	BOT Meeting 5:00pm – All welcome
24 February 2025	College Athletics Day
25 February 2025	College Athletics Postponement Day
4 March 2025	Jake Bailey – Motivational Speaker
4 March 2025	YES Spark Tank – Invercargill
6 March 2025	Vision Testing 9am for Year 7s
7 March 2025	Year 7/8 Western Athletics
19 March 2025	BOT Meeting 5:00 – All welcome
28 March 2025	Western Swimming
29-30 March 2025	Heritage Festival
2 April 2025	Otago Uni Liaison Year 13
11 April 2025	Last day of Term One
18 April 2025	Good Friday
21 April 2025	Easter Monday
22 April 2025	Easter Tuesday
25 April 2025	ANZAC Day
28 April 2025	First Day of Term Two

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Music Shed Riverton Music Lessons Term 1

Drum Tutor Quinn Davies is well settled into his new position, and we now have more places available for drum students. We also have places to learn Guitar, Bass, Piano and associated score reading Theory.

Regular band and group work will be happening weekly from the middle of term 2. This is open to **any** young student of music who'd like to try their skills out in a band situation. Lead Singers are also welcome as voice is an instrument too.

Contact: please text Jenni Bickley 0297708451 for further enquires.

EARLY BIRD PRIZE!!
"RFC SUPPORTERS PACK"

BY CREATING YOUR RUGBY XPLOER
PROFILE BEFORE 16TH FEB


ATTENTION

 **EVERYONE** 
"Muster/Register"
Thursday 13th Feb
5-7pm Free BBQ

All Welcome! Come along for
Chat about the 2025 Season.

**DOWNLOAD THE
RUGBY
XPLOER
APP TODAY!**

Create and register your
Rugby Xplorer Profile
for the 2025 season



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RIVERTON KIDS TRYATHLON 2025



RIVERTON TRYathlon

SPOT PRIZES, SAUSAGE SIZZLE

WIN A NEW BIKE!!!

SATURDAY

1

MARCH

Riverton Swimming Pool, 17 Napier Street

Race day registration and bike drop 9.15am

Event briefing 9.45am. First race 10am

Short Course triathlon for ages 5-7, 8-10, 11-13 and 14-18

\$25pp (\$20pp for families of 2 or more)
Under 5's Duathlon, \$10pp

Individual entry at <https://forms.gle/gpsfZ8137m2W7hvb9>

Team entry at <https://forms.gle/RXz9Dx37AssfLDno6>

For more info and links to online entry forms, like the Riverton Kids TRYathlon facebook group

Southland Water Polo are hosting a have-a-go day this Friday at Splash Palace! The session is designed for anyone who has never played water polo or transitioning to a new pool, to give them a taste of what it will be like. No registration required, just show-up at 3.30pm this Friday 14th February at the deep-end of the main pool for age group years 7-8 and a Southland water polo representative will be there to run the session.



SWP HAVE-A-GO DAY

Year 2-3: Learners pool
Year 4-6: Main pool-Shallow end
Year 7-8: Main pool-Deep end

3.30-4.30pm





Opening Event

Community Sing - Our Songs Our Stories

Saturday 1st March 2025, 2.30 pm
First Church, Tay Street, Invercargill

We launch Heritage Month 2025 with a very special community event for all ages. Join us in the historic First Church for an afternoon tea, and a good old-fashioned family sing-a-long with musical maestro and choral director, Sally Bodkin-Allen leading us in renditions of popular songs from the past.

A free family-friendly event, though a koha is appreciated.

Do let us know if you're coming to this event by emailing events@heritagesouth.nz by Wednesday 26th February.



APPLEBY CRICKET CLUB

GIRLS CRICKET

HARD BALL
TERM ONE 2025
YEARS 7-10

REGISTRATIONS
NOW OPEN

DETAILS

- Fun supported environment
- High quality coaching
- Games are played on Saturday mornings 9am, first game scheduled for 22nd Feb
- Trainings are to be held at Appleby Cricket Club, 92 Dalrymple St, Invercargill on Wednesday nights
- All playing uniform provided
- Some gear provided
- Term runs for 6 weeks

Register by emailing Bridget Hogg hogg.bridget@gmail.com or Racheal Phillips rachealhyde@hotmail.com

SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL 2025
HIGH PERFORMANCE FOOTBALL ACADEMY

SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL ARE CREATING HIGH PERFORMANCE ACADEMIES FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS FROM UNDER 12 TO UNDER 15 AGE GROUPS

SATURDAY 15TH & SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY
SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL - 199 ISLINGTON ROAD, TURNBULL THOMPSON PARK.

TIMES: U14/U15 - 9am to 10:30am
U12/13 - 10:45am to 12:15pm

***PLAYERS MUST ARRIVE 15 MINUTES BEFORE SESSION START TO REGISTER AND HAVE APPROPRIATE TRAINING GEAR ON**

Register your interest today by emailing leigh@southlandfootball.org.nz

SUCCESSFUL PLAYERS:
WILL RECEIVE A TRAINING KIT AND RECEIVE GUIDANCE ON NUTRITION, PSYCHOLOGY, GYM PROGRAMS & MORE!

Winton Football Club

Senior Football training is under way: for all men and women wishing to play senior football for the Winton Club this year please make contact with the club via the Facebook page or email wintonfootballnz@gmail.com

Or the men can contact Cody 027 9454709 and the women Steph 027 3159087.

Winton Bridge Club

Those interesting in learning the game of Contract Bridge are welcome to contact Wendy on 027 427 0447 or email winton.bridge@xtra.co.nz for more information or to register for the course of ten lessons which commence on Wednesday 19th March 2025.

SWIM - SLIDE - SCOOT - BIKE - RUN



SUNDAY
13 April
2025



FROM 8:30AM - SPLASH PALACE AND RUGBY PARK

Individual and team options available for 6-10yrs and 11-14yrs
Mini Splash and Dash - Splash and Dash - Triathlon



Every child over 120cm tall can add in a slide down the hydroside as part of their event

Win a Class Entry

Win entry for your whole class to KidsTRY 2025.

Tell us WHY your class deserves to win and go into the draw to win free entry for your whole class.

Entries to be sent to southlandtrimulticlub@gmail.com by 7 March 2025 and the winning class will be announced on 10 March 2025.



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9 & 10, 11 to 13.

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codingnz.com/signup